

Remarks

Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 15, 19, and 21 are currently pending in the captioned Application, claims 8, 16-17, and 22-27 being cancelled herewith, traversing the grounds upon which they stand rejected, and reserving Applicants' rights to continue prosecution of the same subject matter in a continuation of the present Application.

Of the pending claims, claims 1, and 5-7 stand provisionally rejected on grounds of nonstatutory doubling patenting over claims of copending Application Serial No. 10/670924. A supplemental terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith establishing common ownership by Applicants' assignee in both applications.

All claims that remain pending are therefore deemed ready for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. If any additional fees are required for the timely consideration of this Application, please charge deposit account number 19-4972.

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